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Dear Leo:

You may recall that both at the Paris Conference and at Cairo the question of diplomatic listing for [REDACTED] was discussed by most of us concerned. Apparently the issue has yet to be resolved.

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It has come to my attention recently that this whole matter is a source of continuous embarrassment for [REDACTED] from at least two points of view: a) deprives him of entree to offices which would be fine sources, and b) forces him to pay the excessive tax on gasoline for his car which is used at least 75% of the time for operational purposes. Diplomatic rank in this area of the world carries with it the highest recognition and privilege in dealings with the local governments.

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I know you will agree with the statement that foreign publications procurement is important; it is more than that. We believe every effort should be made to assist the Publications Officers in achieving their mission. We urge that serious and prompt consideration be given to diplomatic listing for [REDACTED]

As you know, [REDACTED] has done a fine job [REDACTED] during the Iraqi trouble, I am told he was the sole source of information to the Embassy through his language competence and his ability to monitor radio broadcasts in Arabic. Furthermore, without prompt procurement of Afro-Asian Conference publications [REDACTED] I was told [REDACTED] that the Embassy would have had nothing on which to base reporting on the conference.

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Your cooperation and interest in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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